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1. Aircraft Count (16 June): 25X1

22 IL-28's  
8 U-IL-28's

These aircraft were counted while being towed down the North/South taxiway to their new dispersal area. The count remained unchanged at the close of the reporting period.

2. Aircraft Detail:

b. Markings: All IL-28's and U-IL-28's had an overall silver-grey finish with a red Soviet star on the fuselage only.

c. Fittings: No IL-28's or U-IL-28's have been observed fitted with wing tip auxilliary tanks. All IL-28's were fitted with twin-cannons mounted in the rear turret, while the U-IL-28's were without any rear armament. To date only two of the IL-28's on the airfield have been observed fitted with a radome beneath the fuselage.

d. Dispersal: During the course of the morning of 16 June, all aircraft were moved from the normal dispersal area on and in the vicinity of the ladder-type hardstands adjoining the SE end of the southern taxiway, and were towed one behind the other by trucks to the southern end of the N/S taxiway. Approximately half of the IL-28/U-IL-28 were parked in a line down the eastern (widened) portion of the lower end of the N/S taxiway, while the remaining aircraft were dispersed two on each of the six large, semicircular hardstands located at the extreme end of this taxiway. No aircraft have been observed parked on the airfield since 16 June 1955.

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3. Flying Activity:

- a. No unusual flying activity has been undertaken during this period. U-IL-28's generally practiced circuits and landings with the undercarriages extended while the IL-28's flew mostly in pairs on local sorties of approximately 15 minutes' duration.
- b. On 15, 16 and 17 June, an unidentified swept-back winged, multi-engined aircraft was observed making several circuits of the airfield. The aircraft flew at a height of approximately 1000 meters and no accurate details of its construction were obtainable.

4. AA Defenses:

- a. On 1 June, two freight trains arrived on the airfield siding, from which a Soviet Army AA unit detrained. Apart from a total of about 300/400 EM wearing black/red shoulderboards, 12 AA guns were unloaded. The guns were each described as being of the 40 mm Bofors pattern but appeared to be of a larger calibre estimated at between 50-60 mm.
- b. This unit has set up an encampment in the SE corner of the airfield in the vicinity of Bebersee and a series of trucks have been bringing small quantities of ammunition to this tented encampment. On 18 June, it was observed that an AA site was temporarily located near the eastern approach funnel in approximately Jagen 154/186. As far as could be ascertained there were six guns in this battery, but no attempt had been made at preparing emplacements.

5. Widening of Southern Parallel Taxiway:

Preparations are in hand for the widening of the existing 20 meter wide southern parallel taxiway. A responsible German official stated in conversation that this taxiway was to be widened to a width of 40 meters, the work to be completed by the autumn.

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